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Letter dated 16 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Iraq addressed an invitation to Mr. Ibrahim Al-Shahin, Head of the National Committee for Missing Persons and Prisoner of War Affairs in Kuwait, and his working team to visit Baghdad to discuss possible means for reinforcing cooperation on this issue. I have further the honour to transmit herewith a copy of that invitation (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) T. Hamid **Al-Bayati**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 16 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

15 July 2009

Sir,

On instructions from His Excellency the Prime Minister, Mr. Nuri Kamel al-Maliki, concerning the need to close the file on the question of the missing Kuwaiti persons, and thereby put an end to that humanitarian ordeal and the suffering of the missing persons' families, we should like to invite you, and the entire working group concerned with the matter, to visit Iraq so that we might work together on completing the investigation. We should also like to request that you bring with you any relevant materials.

In our telephone conversation, I informed you that the Prime Minister attaches great importance to the matter and has instructed his office to follow up and provide all necessary assistance in that regard.

We await your visit in order to be able to put a close to this painful matter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Tariq Najim Abdullah
Director of the Office of the Prime Minister

Mr. Ibrahim Al-Shahin
President of the Committee on Prisoners of
War and Missing Persons